

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0163

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, SU, ET

SUBJECT: SUDAN/ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS: RECENT FIGHTING IN BORDER AREA

REF: KHARTOUM 0158

1. FURTHER RESEARCH IN EMBASSY MAP ROOM MAKES CLEAR OUR LOCATION OF "HAMRA" IN REFTEL WAS INCORRECT. NOW BELIEVE FONMIN MEANT HOMERA (36'40"---14'20"---), SMALL HAMLET IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF UM HAGGAR AND ALMOST DUE EAST GADERAF.

2. PRESS JAN 17 TENDS CONFIRM FOREGOING, IN CARRYING ITEM DATED GEDAREF, TO EFFECT THAT ETHIOPIAN TROOP UNIT BESEIGED AT HOMERA SURRENDERED JAN 16 TO EDU FORCES. ACCORDING THIS ACCOUNT ETHIOPIAN UNIT, COMPRISING 280 MEN, (JAN 16 AL AYAM GIVES TOTAL AS 450 REPEAT 450) TURNED THEIR WEAPONS, AMMUNITION AND RATIONS OVER TO EDU AND AGREED FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE AGAINST "FASCIST ETHIOPIA" AND "TRANSLATED THEIR WORDS INTO "DEEDS".

2. COMMENT. WE HAVE, OF COURSE, NO CONFIRMATION THAT EPMG  
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HOMERA GARRISON IS NOW FIGHTING ON SIDE EDU BUT IT DOES SEEM CLEAR THAT TOWN AND AIRSTRIP ARE NOW IN ETHIOPIAN GUERRILLA HANDS. THIS DEFEAT, COMING ON HEELS ETHIOPIAN EVACUATION KARORA (KHARTOUM 071) SUGGESTS THAT ETHIOPIAN DISSIDENTS IN DJRH ERITREA AND TIGRE ESCALATING FIGHTING IN WAKE NIMEIRI'S PUBLIC CHARGES OF DIRG INVOLVEMENT WITH ANTI-NIMEIRI ANSAR EXILES.

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NOTE BY OC/T: REF BELIEVED INCORRECT.

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